

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:	Anju Brodbine	Flora Tan
	Amin Hashmi	Tom Kaszubski
	Padma Kuppa	Hailu Robele
	Oniell Shah	Cindy Stewart
	Charles Yuan	

Introduction of New Members

Flora originally from Hong Kong, educated in California, husband's job was with WSU so in 1989 moved them to Michigan. Two daughters- 6 and a half and 5. Career in computers.

Charles Yuan originally from China, educated and then taught in China University, then entered Virginia Tech PhD program. Came to Michigan in 2000 and teach at GM University. Board of Chinese Board of Government. Has 2 children ages 13 and 5.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kuppa, support by Brodbine. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence

Resignations of Dhimant Chhaya and Brian Griffen.

Invitation to Wass Elementary School on Thursday, May 15 from 7-9 pm for "Sights and Sounds of South Asia."

Letter from Leadership Troy re: new program

New Business

A. Policy related to new appointees

Board would like to send recommendation to Council upon vacancies. Develop a policy that states:

- a. Troy resident
- b. Application process
- c. Meet the Board
- d. Be willing to serve and work on Board projects
- e. Diversity on the Board

Board will follow this process with a written recommendation to the City Council.

B. Cultural Diversity Week

Coordinate with Troy business, school and churches via a letter from the Board (include copy of proc) events and programs they are planning and promote these together. Try and see if they can hold their programs during Cultural Diversity Week. Find out when Prayer Breakfast is for 2004. Also Troy Daze/Ethni-City would be willing to loan the flags for the week.

Get a banner for Diversity Week

Logo Contest – Invite high school students to develop a Diversity logo in September if we can't come up with ideas by then. Check with Len Bertin. Email Ethni-City logo to Padma.

Old Business

A. Discussion of Goals and Objectives

Goals:

1. Promote the City's diversity by spotlighting individual cultures through programs, brochures and cable programming.
2. Establish a resource list for the various Ethnic groups to access, which includes regional associations and general information relating to the availability of a specific local cultural activity, ethnic food or individual interpreter.
3. Develop and distribute materials to emphasize the mission and goals of the Board, including brochures about the various ethnic populations in Troy and website information.
4. Serve as advisor to the City Council on ethnicity issues.
5. Support the Troy Daze Festival Committee in relation to the Ethni-City. Continue to expand through the encouragement of volunteerism among the various Ethnic groups.

Objectives:

Related to Goal #1

Organize and promote cultural diversity week within the business, school and faith communities.

Monthly program- October, November, January-May

October- India

November- Bangladesh

January of February- China (Coordinate with Chinese New Year)

Go through resource list and send changes/additions/deletions

Board discussed how to get involved in Ethni-City – Not very clear after listening to our speakers. Ideas: Booth in EthniCity Tent, give out brochures, resource guide, float in parade, volunteers for Festival.

B. Program Ideas

- Mosaic
- Panorama

Next meeting June 10 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm